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## Joint Resolution

Mar. 17, 1987

[H.J. Res. 153]

To provide for timely issuance of grants and loans by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Act of 1985 to ensure that eligible local educational agencies can complete asbestos abatement work in school buildings during the 1987 summer school recess.

Whereas the health of 15 million of the Nation's children is threatened because they attend school in buildings with dangerous asbestos contamination;

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note.

Whereas in 1984 the Congress passed and the President signed into law the Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Act (ASHAA) to provide funds to the Nation's neediest local educational agencies to help them abate potentially deadly asbestos in order to protect school children;

Whereas the Congress provided \$50,000,000 in grants and loans under such Act for fiscal year 1987;

Whereas the Environmental Protection Agency asserted in its budget that ASHAA funds are unnecessary because prior year funds have greatly reduced the problem and many States have their own program, and the EPA is delaying the fiscal year 1987 ASHAA financial assistance application process; and

Whereas there is a dire need for these funds and the Environmental Protection Agency's current schedule to issue grants and loans in June of 1987 will seriously impair the ability of local educational agencies in need of Federal funds to complete asbestos abatement work during the 1987 summer school recess: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Environmental Protection Agency and any other agencies involved shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that eligible local educational agencies are awarded financial assistance under the Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Act of 1984 in time to complete asbestos abatement work not later than the end of the 1987 summer school recess.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 153:

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